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*Event is a leadership symposium for aspiring Division I Athletics Directors*

**STATESBORO** - Georgia Southern University Deputy Athletics Director [Chris Davis](#) has been selected to attend TopConnectAD 2021, a leadership symposium for aspiring Division I Athletics Directors sponsored by TEAMWORKS/#INFLCR.

"I am excited to see [Chris Davis](#) selected to participate in the TopConnect Leadership Institute," Georgia Southern Director of Athletics [Jared Benko](#) Williams said. "Chris is one of the top rising administrators in college athletics and he has been an instrumental part in our success at Georgia Southern."

The second annual symposium hosted by TopConnect, a subsidiary of Connected Media, LLC, will be held virtually on June 24 and June 25. The 2021 program is headlined by Jeremy Foley, Athletics Director Emeritus at the University of Florida.

A veteran leader with over 15 years of experience at the college level, Davis came to Statesboro in June of 2020 from Auburn University. Davis plays a major role in several different areas with the department, including Georgia Southern Sports Properties, development, game operations, facility and equipment room oversight, human resources, sport supervision of football as well as licensing of the Eagle brand.

TopConnectAD is designed for senior level athletics administrators who are committed to taking the next step in their careers. Attendees will benefit from panels with current Presidents of Division-I institutions, with NIL professionals Kevin Barefoot from TEAMWORKS/#INFLCR and legal expert Darren Heitner, panels focused on

translating moment into action and the A to Z of Hiring a Head Coach.

TopConnect has revolutionized the connections within the world of collegiate athletics by connecting future leaders with current leaders through an educational forum. Initially launched over fifteen years ago as Villa 7, the TopConnect program has evolved into a valuable resource for coaches, athletics administrators, and other industry leaders. Since TopConnect's launch in 2018, 14 attendees have been hired into their dream position as an Athletics Director, Head Men's Basketball Coach, or Head Women's Basketball Coach. This includes Randal Richmond, Director of Athletics at Kent State, who will be presenting a session on how to prep for the big interview.

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